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SUBJECT: HORN: WALDHEIM CONTACT WITH GARBA

1. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM CALLED AMBASSADOR LEONARD
FEBRUARY 22 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH NIGERIAN
FONMIN GARBA IN TRIPOLI EARLIER THE SAME DAY. HE CAUGHT
GARBA SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN TRIPOLI FOR THE OAU MINI-
STERIAL.

2. WALDHEIM SAID GARBA TOLD HIM THAT THE OAU MEDIATION
EFFORT ON THE HORN IS STILL IN PROCESS. GARBA SAID A
SOMALI EMISSARY HAD ARRIVED IN LAGOS, AND GARBA EXPECTED
ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS IN
LAGOS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. GARBA SAID HE HAS TENTATIVELY
SUGGESTED THAT TALKS WITH AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES COMMENCE ON
FEBRUARY 28, WHEN GARBA EXPECTS TO RETURN TO LAGOS
FROM TRIPOLI.

3. WALDHEIM ASKED GARBA WHETHER HE PLANNED "PROXIMITY
TALKS" OR EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BRING THE TWO PARTIES
DIRECTLY TOGETHER. GARBA SAID HE PLANNED DIRECT NEGOTIA-
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TIONS, ALTHOUGH THE SOMALIS HAD INDICATED RESISTANCE TO
DEALING WITH THE ETHIOPIANS ON THE OGADEN. THEY CONTINUE
TO INSIST THAT ONLY THE WSLF IS THE PROPER "OPPOSITE
NUMBER" FOR RESOLVING THE OGADEN CONFLICT. GARBA INTENDED
TO PERSEVERE IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO PARTIES ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

4. WALDHEIM SAID GARBA INDICATED AGAIN THAT, WHILE HE FOUND THE KIND OF SECURITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL BEING SUGGESTED BY THE WESTERN POWERS USEFUL, HE WAS STILL OF THE VIEW THAT SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ALONG THESE LINES SHOULD AWAIT THE NEXT STEP IN THE OAU EFFORT FOLLOWING THE TRIPOLI CONFERENCE, INVOLVING THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA TALKS IN LAGOS HOPEFULLY COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28. YOUNG

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